GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PRICING STRUCTURE FOR PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Commission for Agricultural Cost and Price (CACP) has submitted its report inregard to the pricing structure for procurement of foodgrains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the policy being adopted by the Food Corporation of India at presentand the extent to which this policy is in consonance with the report submitted by CACP?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b) : The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) provides advice on acontinuing basis to enable the Government to formulate agricultural price policy and price structure in the context of the need to raise agricultural production and to give relief to the consumers. The CACP submits, each season, its report on price policy for major agriculturecommodities, covering cereals, pulses, oil seeds, and commercial crops. The CACP recentlysubmitted its reports on price policies for Rabi Crops, Copra and Jute.

(c) The Food Corporation of India procures foodgrains viz. Wheat, paddy and coarsegrains under Price Support Scheme at Minimum Support Price announced by the Ministry of Agriculture.